

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather with snow tonight and Sunday

TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

METAL QUOTATIONS

Silver	75%
Copper	30 1/2-32 1/4
Lead	7 1/2-7 3/4
Quicksilver	\$70-800

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GERMANY REPLIES TO WILSON

Suggests That Delegates Be Sent to An Early Peace Conference

ARTILLERY ROARS CONSTANTLY WHILE SOLDIERS MAKE MERRY

(By Associated Press.)

The third Christmas of the European war passed without much fighting on the British and French fronts, where virtually only the artillery was active, and men were feasted and entertained as far as was compatible with the stern business of war.

Rumania's first Christmas as a participant in the war witnessed heavy fighting on the Rumanian front. Ground was yielded by the Rumanians at some points under the pressure of the Germans, and north of the Buzeu-Rimnik road a height was lost by the Russians.

In the northwest corner of Dobruja province, the sector to which the

Russo-Rumanian retreat has taken them, the army of Field Marshal von Mackensen has begun to attack the bridgehead of Matchin, after Isakische, on the eastern bank of the Danube, was captured. In addition to announcing the evacuation of Isakische, the Russians admit the occupation of Tulchita.

British mounted troops, with the co-operation of aircraft, carried a strong position at Maghdaba, twenty miles distant from El Arish, which was captured on Thursday. Incomplete reports, says the statement from London, show that 1130 prisoners were captured and a large quantity of arms and war material

taken. Heavy casualties were suffered by the Turks.

The Russians claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Austro-Germans when the latter attempted to recapture heights occupied by the Russians on Sunday in the wooded Carpathians.

Macedonia, except for an artillery struggle, is void of momentous activities. The same is true generally of the Austro-Italian theater, except for the Julian front, where even such operations have been prevented by mist.

Two British destroyers have been sunk in a collision in the North sea. Fifty-five officers and men were lost.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO	
1916	1915
6 a. m.	6 18
9 a. m.	8 15
12 noon	13 23
2 p. m.	14 23
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	
today, 62 per cent.	

BIG FLEET CRUISERS

DISGUISED COMMERCE PROTECTORS HOVERING OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of allied warships is indicated definitely. They are vessels known officially as commerce protectors. They are heavily armed and disguised. The obvious reasons for their exact disposition are not revealed, but their arrival was made known from a source that hardly can be mistaken.

ULTIMATUM TO MEXICO

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Carranza reply has not been received yet. The Mexican commissioners are meeting in New York awaiting a possible reply. If not received a formal exchange of notes by the chairman of the commission will probably mark the finish. This is in the nature of an ultimatum by the United States.

SNIPING BEGINS MEXICAN BORDER

KENTUCKY GUARDSMEN FORCED TO ABANDON THEIR FIRST LINE TRENCH

(By Associated Press.) EL PASO, Dec. 26.—Firing in the vicinity of the third Kentucky outpost near the border last night caused another general alarm, following a skirmish with snipers Sunday night. Investigation showed that the firing occurred on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, where Mexicans were having a Christmas dance. The Kentucky outposts yesterday dug themselves in near a monument marking the boundary between New Mexico and Chihuahua. The outposts were forced to abandon their first line trench Sunday. Two additional trenches were dug yesterday in anticipation of further sniping. Officers were unable to confirm the report that one sniper was killed.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MINER ON SATURDAY MORNING

Cesare Mattiotta, aged 33, a miner, was taken suddenly ill Saturday evening at 10 o'clock on returning for the night to his room in the Casino hotel and in a few minutes was dead. The cause of death is supposed to have been from the inroads of consumption, from which Mattiotta suffered for years. He was a native of Italy and his countrymen raised a purse to provide for interment, which took place this afternoon from the undertaking parlors.

KAISER IN FAVOR OF IMMEDIATE MEETING TO CONSIDER TERMS

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Germany's answer to the president's note, which was dispatched this morning, proposes an immediate meeting of delegates from the belligerent powers to discuss peace.

The text of Germany's answer to the United States was transmitted by Ambassador Gerard today. The reply, which also contains that of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, says:

"The high minded suggestion made by the president in order to create a basis for the establishment of last-

ing peace has been received and considered by the imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the president's communication. The president points out what he has at heart and leaves open the choice of a road to the imperial government and by an immediate exchange of views seeks the appropriate road to reach the desired result. The imperial government begs therefore to propose an immediate meeting of delegates from the belligerent nations at a neutral place and also is of the opinion that the great work

of preventing further wars can begin only after the end of the present struggle. It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Indications are accumulating that Switzerland's action in supporting the president's peace move will be followed similarly by other European neutrals. It is expected that Holland, Spain, the Scandinavian countries and the pope will take action.

No Lights Will Shine On Desert Until Tomorrow

For three days and nights the centers of the desert country have been deprived of power and light through a furious windstorm that swept the White Mountains between Laws, in the foothills of Inyo county, Cal., and the summit of the range where the power lines of the Nevada-California Power company cross the Sierras, where electricity is generated for transmission to the Nevada camps.

There is no hope for relief before tomorrow night, according to Superintendent Bruce, who received a message late this afternoon with that information. If it were possible to

get the juice through tonight current could not be distributed from the local sub-station owing to the transformers having been frozen during the acute cold of yesterday and last night. The electric thawing machine of the Campbell-Kelly foundry was called in this afternoon to thaw out the transformers so as to have them ready for business when the juice arrives.

The blow is the worst experienced since the company began operations in 1904. Never has there been a time when the company's lines were completely closed for more than a few

hours at a stretch, and the mining companies were put to their wits' ends to meet the emergency. The greatest trouble was with the mines where the water was likely to entail serious consequences. In such cases bulkheading was resorted to and the water dammed up where it could do no damage during the suspension of pumping operations. At one mine, while the men were bulkheading, air was sent down by hooking up to a Ford engine, which kept the fan in motion and enabled the crew to remain at their posts.

The first interruption occurred at 8:40 Saturday morning, when the power went off at the mines and the camp was plunged into darkness. In fifteen minutes the duplicate line appeared to be carrying the load satisfactorily, but in five minutes that slender connecting link snapped and Tonopah and Goldfield were given over to an ominous silence that displaced the steady pounding of the stamps in the mills. The men underground were told to climb out and they came up the ladders from depths ranging from a few hundred to 1700 feet below the surface.

During Sunday the most conflicting reports were heard. Some of these told of terrible suffering among the trouble shooters groping their way through the blinding blizzard, but fortunately most of these were exaggerated. The only case where serious privation entailed intense distress was in the case of a man named Wilson. He had gone out with a party of line riders mounted on horseback. All returned, but when it was found that Wilson had not reported a relief party was made up. They found the missing man near the summit and succeeded in getting him to a shelter station established by the company for just such emergencies. (Continued on page four)

HOLLAND MAY RESENT INSULT

GERMANY'S REPLY TOO INSULTANT TO BE SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—The Telegraf says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding deportation is framed in such terms that it will be inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch parliament, and the government has requested Berlin to alter it in such a manner that it may be presented. It was reported last month that the reply was tantamount to saying "Mind your own business."

ALSACE HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY

PATRIOTS REJOICE OVER THEIR RETURN TO THE ARMS OF FRANCE

(By Associated Press.) ALSACE, Dec. 26.—Never in the history of Alsace, reconquered by the French, has Christmas been celebrated with such fervor and hopefulness as this year. Every village church and chapel was filled to overflowing for midnight masses—services at which the clergy in some instances offered public prayers that the national councilors might be guided aright in considering the situation.

BODY SHIPPED TO PROVO

The remains of Mike Beasley, who died at the county hospital, were shipped Sunday morning to Provo, Utah, in obedience to the request of a sister living at that place.

WILSON'S LETTER IS DEPRECATED

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The popular preacher, the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, at Westminster chapel, yesterday said:

"We are living at the most perilous hour that has come to us in this war. The most subtle perils are threatening us now, and these are created by the astuteness of Germany and the good intentions of I do not say America, but of the president of the American republic."

"The question that has come from Germany as to peace is a question of an astute and clever diplomacy which is endeavoring to cast the blame for this war upon those who decline to accept the responsibility."

"The good intentions of President Wilson are sadly marred by his most tragic mistake that he has declined to express any opinion as to the moral issues."

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Officials are surprised that Germany's answer was given out at Berlin before it reached the United States officials. They point out that the president allowed two days between the time of dispatching and making public.

TRY TO BLOW UP GOV. SPRY

(By Associated Press.)

SALT LAKE, Dec. 26.—A bomb found in front of Governor Spry's home last night contained two ounces of nitroglycerine, or enough to blow the home into bits and perhaps kill the whole family, according to the state chemist.

BUTLER THEATRE

WATCH THE LIGHTS

If they are burning in front of the Butler Theater this evening there will be a show.

Creeps Down to See Santa; Finds Family Butchered

(By Associated Press.)

MINDEN, La., Dec. 26.—Neighbors summoned by a half dressed little boy of seven ran to the home of John N. Reeves, near here, early yesterday, to find that murderers had turned the house into a slaughter pen. Reeves and his wife were dead, the man's skull crushed by an axe and the woman with a bullet hole in her head. An eleven year old boy, still clutching in his arms his fifteen

months old brother, and another of five, were battered and chopped with axe strokes.

The children were carried to a hospital at Shreveport, where the eldest died. Their brother, who gave the alarm, escaped because he was sleeping in the attic. He had come down early in the morning to look for his Christmas presents when he saw what sent him flying terror stricken to the next farmhouse.

A tool chest in which Reeves is said to have boasted that he kept \$4000 was found broken open near a table on which the parents had placed an array of simple presents before retiring Christmas eve.

Poses searched all through the day for the murderers. Tonight three heavily shackled negroes were brought to the Minden jail. What evidence there is against them has not been disclosed.

SNOW FALL IN TROPICS

SIXTH TIME IN FORTY YEARS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—A heavy snow fell over the northern portion of this city. This is the sixth time in forty years. The snow melted as rapidly as it fell. There also was snow at Corona, Pomona and San Bernardino.

DEATH OF MISS SLINGERLAND OCCURS AT CARSON CITY

This afternoon a message was received by A. D. McCabe, of the Wells Fargo office staff, announcing the death of his sister, Miss Eva Slingerland. The deceased was identified for many years with the schools of Virginia City and Carson and numbered many of the present day Tonopah youths among her pupils. She was universally esteemed.

VILLA TRIUMPHANT WITH COLD WEATHER

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Dec. 26.—While rebel troops are said to be moving eastward from Torreon in the direction of Monterrey, after capturing San Pedro de Las Colonias, with its Carranza garrison of 1100 men, another report to reach the border last night credits General Francisco Murguia with leading an expedition in person against Villa bandits in the region of Minaca, to the west of Chihuahua City. A rumor also is current in Juarez that about 1500 of Villa's men are near the frontier, twelve miles east of Juarez.

American army men express the belief that the cold wave that struck

El Paso, said by weather forecasters to be reaching over northern Mexico, will have a serious effect on the campaign against Villa and be to Villa's advantage. They point out that the government troops in Chihuahua come from the tropical east coast and are unable to withstand the intense cold of the high altitude, which develops pneumonia among them. Villa's followers are, on the other hand, all natives of the northern mountainous plateaus, the officers say, and well seasoned in winter campaigning.

The severe gale which spoiled Christmas for the soldiers encamped here developed into a snow storm last night.

STEAMER SINKING

CALL FOR HELP FROM SINKING STEAMER ON ATLANTIC COAST

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The coastwise steamer City of Savannah and the cutter Achusentt have hurried to the aid of the steamer Maryland, which wireless she was sinking 380 miles east of Sandy Hook and asked immediate aid.

The schooner Roger Drury sunk off Great point, the schooner Daniel McLeod is stranded and the British schooner Ravello is wrecked at the southern end of the point. The crews were brought ashore by coast guards.

CANADA CALLS BOYS TO CROSS THE SEAS

PROMPT ACTION NEEDED TO KEEP UP WITH MILITARY DEMANDS

(By Associated Press.)

LINDSAY, Ontario, Dec. 26.—As a recruiting policy for Canada, Sir Sam Hughes, former minister of militia in the Canadian cabinet, in an address here advocated the immediate calling out of all single men between the ages of 18 and 45 not now exempted under the law for active service training under the Canadian militia act. He declared that the national service commission was more or less of a failure and that it would be a year before the commission could begin to operate with any effect.

Prompt action is needed, Sir Sam said, and the calling out of the single men could be done under the provisions of the act. In order, however, to remove all doubt regarding compulsory service for overseas, he said, the act should be amended so that the militia might be sent abroad for the defense of the empire. Under this plan, Sir Sam asserted, he would